

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at Tehran March 27 and April 20 and 21, 1926

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Department of State files

The American Minister to the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

TEHERAN, March 27, 1926

EXCELLENCY:

The Government of the United States will, from the 15th of May 1926, collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of subjects of the Imperial Persian Government desiring to visit the United States (including the insular possessions) who are not immigrants as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924;¹ namely, (1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants, and employees, (2) a Persian subject visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) a Persian subject in continued transit through the United States, (4) a Persian subject lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide Persian seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) a Persian subject entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation; and from the same date the Imperial Government of Persia will collect no fee for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of non-immigrant citizens of the United States of like classes desiring to visit Persia.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my very high consideration.

HOFFMAN PHILIP

His Excellency,

MIRZA DAVOUD KHAN MEFTAH,

*Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Teheran.*

¹ 43 Stat. 153.

The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

*Farvardin 30, 1305**(April 20, 1926)*

No. 158/330

MR. MINISTER,

In reply to Your Excellency's note No. 39 of March 27, 1926, I have the honor to state that, as I stated in my note No. 2920 of Bahman 28, 1304, the Persian Government will not collect visa fees on passports of American citizens included in the six classes of non-immigrants, and will grant them free visas.

I, therefore, request Your Excellency, in case the officials of Your Government are willing, on the basis of reciprocity, to visa passports of Persian subjects without charging visa fees, to address a note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, adverting to this note and your unnumbered note of March 27, 1926, and expressing the approval of your Government for the enforcement of this arrangement, so that it may be put into effect beginning from Ordibehesht 24, 1305 (May 15, 1926).

I avail [etc.]

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His Excellency,

Mr. HOFFMAN PHILIP,
*American Minister,
Teheran.*

The American Minister to the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 46

TEHERAN, *April 21, 1926*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note No. 158/330 of Farvardin 30, 1305 (April 20, 1926) stating that the Imperial Government agrees to the proposal contained in my unnumbered note of March 27, 1926, in regard to the mutual waiver of visa charges on the passports of Persian and American citizens of the classes enumerated in my above mentioned note.

I take pleasure in informing Your Excellency that this arrangement has the approval of my Government, and that my Government will put the new arrangement into effect beginning May 15, 1926 (Ordibehesht 24, 1305).

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my very high consideration.

HOFFMAN PHILIP

His Excellency,

MIRZA DAVOUD KHAN MEFTAH,

*Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs,
Teheran.*